

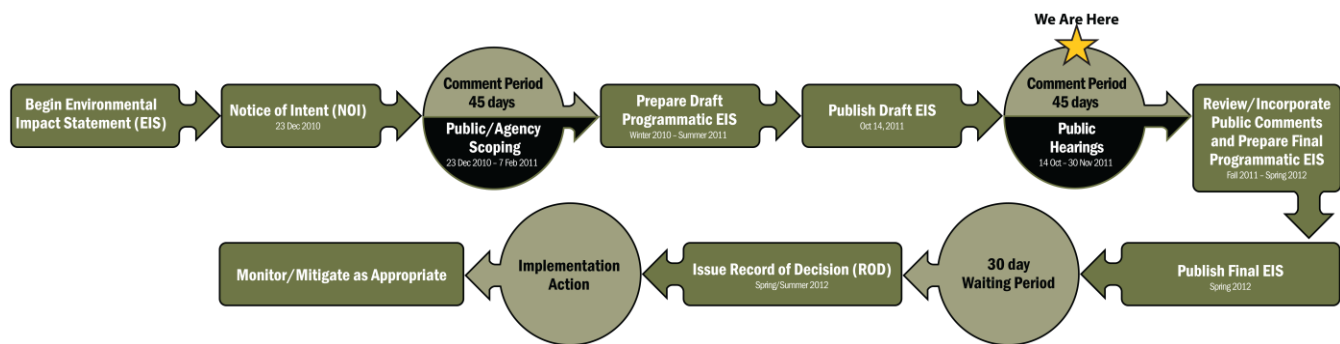
Pōhakuloa Training Area Draft Programmatic EIS

Public Hearing - November 2011

Aloha!

Thank you for attending tonight's Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA) Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) public hearing.

In January 2011, the Army held scoping meetings, similar in format to this public hearing, to request insight from the public on the proposed projects. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, the Army is requesting your comments related to the Draft Programmatic EIS.



The public hearing will begin with a poster session from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. which allows you the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the proposed projects. We invite you to view our posters, maps and information we have displayed. Following the poster session, you are invited to present your thoughts, ideas and concerns during the open microphone session. The open microphone session will take place from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. If you are interested in speaking, please sign up at the front desk. Each speaker's contributions will be documented by the court reporter in a 4 minute allotment so that all who wish to speak have an equal opportunity to provide comment. If you feel you need more time, we encourage you to provide your additional comments to the court recorder before the conclusion of this evening's hearing. You also have the opportunity to provide written comment tonight if you choose not to speak, as well as at any time during the comment period ending on November 30, 2011.

We sincerely appreciate your interest and involvement in the EIS process. Your input helps us to identify community concerns and environmental issues to be addressed in this Programmatic EIS. As always, we will consider all comments that are provided to us throughout this procedure.

Mahalo!

Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Modernization of Training Infrastructure and Construction and Operation of an Infantry Platoon Battle Area at Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA), Hawai'i

The U.S. Army has prepared a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate potential environmental effects associated with modernizing PTA to better support the readiness of the military. The U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC) and the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawai'i (USAG-HI) are the lead agencies for this effort. The Draft Programmatic EIS considers the broad environmental concerns for the modernization of PTA ranges, training support infrastructure (e.g., roads and utilities), and training support facilities in the cantonment area and at Bradshaw Army Airfield. Subsequent National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) studies will analyze site-specific actions and their potential impacts. The Draft Programmatic EIS also includes an analysis of the Army's first proposed modernization project at PTA, a site-specific action to construct and operate an Infantry Platoon Battle Area (IPBA) that would include an Infantry Platoon Battle Course (IPBC), Live-fire Shoothouse, and a Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) facility. The Draft Programmatic EIS presents three alternative locations for the IPBA within the PTA impact area, and the No Action Alternative to not build and operate the IPBA at all.

None of the Army's proposed actions in this Programmatic EIS involve the acquisition of additional land, training off the current installation boundary or increasing training over historical levels at PTA.

In accordance with NEPA, the Army is requesting comments on the Draft Programmatic EIS. The document is available for review at <http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/PTAPEIS/>.

In addition, copies of the document are available at the following libraries:

- Kailua-Kona Public Library, 75-138 Hualalai Road, Kailua-Kona, HI
- Hilo Public Library, 300 Waianuenue Ave, Hilo, HI
- Thelma Parker Memorial Library, 67-1209 Mamalahoa Highway, Kamuela, HI
- Hawai'i State Library, 478 South King Street, Honolulu, HI

A Final Programmatic EIS will be published in the spring/summer 2012.

We appreciate your participation and note that there are a variety of ways to learn more about the project and to provide comments:

- Submit written comments to: PTA PEIS, P.O. Box 514, Honolulu, HI 96809
Or via fax at (808) 545-6808 or e-mail: PTAPEIS@bah.com
- Submit a comment form (available at the front desk) at the public hearing.
- Provide a comment to the court recorder at tonight's scoping meeting.
- Visit our project website at: <http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/PTAPEIS/>

Written comments must be postmarked or received by November 30, 2011.